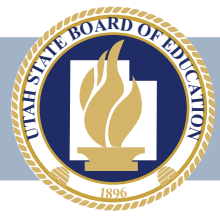


# School Fees

October 2020 Newsletter



## Certificate of Compliance:

The links for the Certificate of Compliance were distributed on October 1<sup>st</sup> to all district Superintendents, charter Directors, LEA Board Chairs, and all public school Principals. The Certificate must be completed no later than **October 31<sup>st</sup>**.



We appreciate all efforts that are being made to submit this information in a timely manner.

On **October 15<sup>th</sup>** a status update will be provided to all Superintendents, Directors, School Fees Contacts, and Charter Authorizers. This will allow each LEA to work with the individuals still needing to submit the Certificate.

We are currently collecting the Certificate of Compliance submissions and will be reviewing the final data after the October 31<sup>st</sup> deadline. We are hopeful for a 100% completion rate.

If there are any who did not receive a link or are experiencing technical difficulties, please contact us at [schoolfees@schools.utah.gov](mailto:schoolfees@schools.utah.gov).

## Upcoming:

### Guidance Documents:

The following guidance documents will be posted to the website by the end of the year:

- Accounting for School Fees
- *Updated* Advanced Placement, Concurrent Enrollment, ACT & PSAT tests

### Fee Waiver Applications:

McKinney-Vento students will be added to the eligibility sections of the notices and applications per R277-616.

### Trainings:

The following school fees trainings are tentatively planned for 2021:

- Spring Training - Friday, March 5th
- Fall Training - Friday, September 17th

### 2021 Fee Schedules:

Please be aware that approved Fee Schedules for 2021 are due April 1<sup>st</sup>. In addition, please be aware of the following Code that comes into effect for the 2021-2022 school year:

- ([53G-7-503\(3\)\(a\) & \(b\)](#))

## Notifications:

### Website:

Thank you to all those who attended the Fall Training on the School Fees Certificate of Compliance and Accounting practices. The following are now available on the website ([www.schools.utah.gov/schoolfees](http://www.schools.utah.gov/schoolfees)):

- PDF of PowerPoint presentation
- YouTube recording of the training

### Newsletter:

The School Fees Newsletter will be moving to a Quarterly Newsletter that will be released in the middle of each quarter:

- Q1 - February
- Q2 - May
- Q3 - August
- Q4 - November



## Training Focus:

### **R277-407-2:** *(emphasis added)*

(21) "Supplemental Security Income for children with disabilities" or "SSI" means a benefit administered through the Social Security Administration that provides payments for qualified children with disabilities in low income families.

(22) "Temporary Assistance for Needy Families" or "TANF" means a program, formerly known as AFDC, which provides monthly cash assistance and food stamps to low-income families with children under age 18 through the Utah Department of Workforce Services.

### **R277-407-11:**

(1) A student is eligible for fee waiver if an LEA receives verification that:

- (a) in accordance with Subsection 53G-7-504(4), based on the family income levels established by the Superintendent as described in Subsection (2);
- (b) the student to whom the fee applies receives SSI;
- (c) the family receives TANF funding;
- (d) the student is in foster care through the Division of Child and Family Services; or
- (e) the student is in state custody.



(4) A school may grant a fee waiver to a student, on a case by case basis, who does not qualify for a fee waiver under Subsection (1), but who, because of extenuating circumstances is not reasonably capable of paying the fee.

## School Fees Team: What are we doing?

Recently, a survey was sent out to all Business Administrators regarding their LEA's accounting processes. Responses from this survey will be reviewed with the Activity Based Costing work group. This data will allow us to provide information on current accounting practices in our report to the Legislature on activity based costing. The survey will close on October 20<sup>th</sup>.

At the Public Education Appropriation Committee meeting on October 19<sup>th</sup>, we will be presenting a preliminary report of USBE's work on activity based costing within the LEAs. The feedback we receive from the survey will allow us to provide more information at the committee meeting.

If you did not receive a link and would like to participate, please email us at [schoolfees@schools.utah.gov](mailto:schoolfees@schools.utah.gov).



We are always happy to provide training to help assist each LEA in understanding and training staff on the updates in Utah Code and Board Rule. If you would like to schedule a virtual training, please reach out to us at [schoolfees@schools.utah.gov](mailto:schoolfees@schools.utah.gov).

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